STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 3-1 2015

RE: S.C.R. No. 158

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Tourism and International Affairs and Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 158 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO EXAMINE IF AND HOW OTHER STATES REGULATE TOUR OPERATORS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the Legislative Reference Bureau examine if and how other states regulate tour operators within their jurisdiction and report its findings to the Legislature.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committees find that Hawaii does not regulate the activities of tour and excursion groups soliciting residents and visitors. Your Committees further find that there has been a rise in tour activity in state parks and, within the last six months, at least three tour guides have been charged with engaging in illegal commercial activities by trespassing into natural reserve areas that are closed to public entry. Your Committees find that this activity not only poses a threat to the environment of the natural reserve areas but also endangers the health and safety of those persons touring closed areas.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Tourism and International Affairs and Commerce and Consumer Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 158 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Tourism and International Affairs and Commerce and Consumer Protection,

ROSALYN H. **B**AKER, Chair

GILBERT KAHELE, Chair

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